

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. In a Final Office Action dated 8/16/2006, the Examiner indicated that:

(1) Claims 1-14, 16, 20-26, 27, 29, 30-35, 39-45, 46 and 48 were allowed.

(2) Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 were rejected.

B. In response thereto, Applicants filed a response (dated 9/2/2006) which cancelled all of these rejected Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 in order to place this case in condition for allowance.

C. In an Advisory Action dated 11/2/2006, the Examiner indicated that:

(1) Claims 1-14, 16, 20-27, 29-35, 39-46 and 48 were rejected.

(2) Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 were objected to.

D. Applicants believe that the information in this advisory action is clearly wrong, as Claims 1-14, 16, 20-27, 29-35, 39-46 and 48 were previously allowed in the Final Office Action dated 8/16/2006 (see page 2, paragraph 3 of such Office Action). As Applicants have been unable to reach the Examiner by telephone before the deadline for responding to this 11/2/2006 Advisory Action, Applicants are therefore submitting this written request requesting clarification as to the current, and correct, status of the claims in this case.

E. It is further respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance, as **all remaining claims in this case have previously been indicated as being allowed, and therefore a Notice of Allowance should be entered for this case by the Examiner**. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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